

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, claim 31 was objected to; claims 2, 3, 12-14, 20-22, 25, 26, 28-31, 33, 35, and 37-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0061354 (Burg); claims 4-6, 15-17, 19, and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Burg in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0041588 (Gleneck); claims 8-11, 23, and 40 were rejected under § 103 over Burg in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,034 (Donovan); and claim 32 was rejected under § 103 over Burg in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,360,254 (Linden).

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claim 18 has been allowed.

Claim 31 has been amended to address the objection.

Independent claims 29, 33, and 35 have been amended to incorporate subject matter similar to the subject matter of claim 18 deemed allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 19 was rejected as being obvious over Burg and Gleneck. Applicant respectfully submits that Burg and Gleneck do not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claim 19. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the references when combined must teach or suggest all elements of the claim. See M.P.E.P. § 2143 (8th ed., Rev. 3), at 2100-135.

In this case, as conceded by the Office Action, Burg does not disclose adding charge information to a call request based on call rules. 10/20/2005 Office Action at 7. However, the Office Action relied upon Gleneck as disclosing this feature, citing specifically to ¶¶ [0101]-[0103] of Gleneck. The cited passages of Gleneck refer to adding digits in front of a phone number before forwarding the call. However, these digits cannot be considered charge information to be billed for a call session, as recited in claim 19. Therefore, the hypothetical combination of Burg and Gleneck does not teach or suggest all elements of the claim. A *prima facie* case of obviousness has therefore not been established with respect to claim 19.

Similarly, independent claim 6 is non-obvious over Burg and Gleneck.

Independent claim 8 has been amended to recite adding calling card information to the call request to enable billing to the calling card information. Support for the added element can be found in the passage of the Specification starting on page 8, at line 34, to page 9, at line 2. The cited references do not disclose this feature.


Independent claims 14 and 30 have been similarly amended so that they are also allowable.

Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

Allowance of all claims is therefore respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (12825RRUS01U).

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